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ALBERT MAIRNES,  
Executors

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Jas H McDONALD, Attorney for Plaintiff.  
Dec 21 1937 date

1879.

A Happy New Year to all, is the greeting of the REPUBLICAN to its readers to-day. The year that has passed has not been one of general prosperity nor of unmixed joy, but the human heart is ever inspired by hope, and the universal expression to-day is one of joyous expectation that the year upon which we are entering will be more fruitful of good, more plentiful in temporal blessings, more fraught with general happiness than the twelve-month which we consigned to the grave of the past last night. Whether it turn out to be so or not it is well to look forward with bright anticipations. With the financial problem solved, and the currency of the country at par with gold, it would seem reasonable to expect that the long sought for bottom has been reached, and that hereafter our course must be upward. Let us look for better times, at least, and believe they are coming until time proves the contrary.

The New Year has come; and let us make merry over its advent, and trusting that when we come to write its obituary a year hence we may be enabled to remember it with more of pleasure than comes to us now as we contemplate the life of its predecessors.

"We resume to-day."

No more will the government's paper be at a discount.

"TURN OVER A NEW LEAF" to-day, but be careful not to write down the same old story upon the new leaf.

THE United States Treasury has on hand a coin balance of \$226,000,000 with which to undertake and maintain the resumption of specie payments. Of this sum \$200,000,000 is gold and \$26,000,000 silver, besides subsidiary coins amounting to \$12,500,000. With such a stock of specie on hand the problem of resumption may be considered as solved, and note-holders will be in no hurry to exchange their paper currency for the more bulky and less convenient coin.

THE bar-room bell punch that was to yield \$600,000 in Virginia this year, has only brought \$83,000. It is not regarded as good as a license system. Its noise is said to have a reforming tendency, and people don't drink as much. If that is the case, the people of Virginia should be well satisfied with its use. If it cut off all the liquor drinking the people could well afford to pay direct taxes for all the expenses of the State and local governments, the amount of which is in safe to say would be diminished at least one-half.

THE great fortune left to the heirs of John Jacob Astor was, at the time of his death estimated at \$40,000,000, and he was the sixth in the list of the rich men of the world. Baron de Rothschild, the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Robert Peel, and Louis Phillip were said to have greater fortunes than Astor. In 1873 the Astor estate was estimated to be worth \$90,000,000. At the time of the death of A. T. Stewart, in 1876, his estate was valued at \$80,000,000. The richest man living in New York is undoubtedly W. H. Vanderbilt, who was made the heir to the bulk of the immense fortune of his father, and about whose bequests there has been bitter litigation.

SOME time ago the San Francisco Chronicle charged Charles Carroll O'Donnell, a member of the California Constitutional Convention, elected on the Workingmen's ticket, with being an abolitionist, and with having boasted that he was attached to the Army of Virginia, under Gen. Lee, as a surgeon, and that he availed himself of that position to cut off the arms and legs of wounded Union soldiers so as to prevent them from again taking arms against the Confederates. O'Donnell sued the Chronicle for libel, and when the case came up for trial witnesses were produced to prove the statements made. The case was dismissed, the defense asking that O'Donnell be held on a charge of murder. The Workingmen have adopted resolutions asking that O'Donnell be expelled from the convention.

THE Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier wants a law repealed. This law appears on the statute book of the United States as section 821, and provides that the United States District Attorney may move, and the court may require, at any term of the United States Court, that every grand and petit juror swear that he has not willingly taken up arms against the United States, or willingly given any aid or assistance to persons engaged in rebellion. This law the News and Courier denounces as monstrous, and a blot on the statute book. As under this rule it is possible to have citizens against United States laws, and to have men not in sympathy with the government, Democratic papers are not surprised to see the "abolition" want the law repealed.

## THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

Dangers and Evils That Have Been Overcome—Bright Prospects for the Future.

From the New York Times, Dec. 29.

Commercially and politically, the year has been for the United States a period of clearing skies and growing promise. Reckless partisan attacks upon the President's title have fallen harmless, and the leaders whose political stock in trade consisted mainly of the cry about "fraud first triumphant in American history" have found it expedient to let that subject drop. The national honor has been preserved intact, and at least the immediate suctions of resumption have been assured. It is true that we have not escaped silver legislation possessing infinite capacity for mischief, nor anti-redemption legislation which if it could be made operative would bring back the era of inflation, with its mischievous cycle of delusive prosperity and attendant ruin. But the sober verdict of the people given in November was so emphatically on the side of a sound and stable currency as to warrant the belief that the evil effects of some of the year's legislation need only be made thoroughly apparent to secure its repeal. With a business community whose weakest members have been thinned out by five years of the severest pressure which this generation has known, with the relations between production and consumption fairly adjusted, and with careful and conservative business methods pretty generally re-established, the growing prosperity of the country must exercise a restraining effect on the financial legislation of the immediate future. When people see that the healthy action of the laws of trade is best secured by allowing them the greatest possible freedom, we shall hear less about quick remedies for "creating" wealth and "stimulating" commerce. The year which is all but ended will, probably, mark the turning-point both in the development of American commerce and the growth of more rational views about the "material" aspects of our politics. The city of New York has had its fair share of the business revival of the latter part of the year, and rather more than its share of the political reformation. For 1878 will be long memorable as the year in which a fatal blow was dealt at the supremacy of one of the most arrogant and corrupt political organizations which ever grew up on the spoils of a great city. The new year looks brighter to every honest citizen of New York because it is not spanned by the shadow of the domination of Tammany Hall.

While the clouds of commercial depression and political danger have been rising from over the United States, they have been closing in over Europe. The Russo-Turkish war had virtually ended before the year began, but there were some anxious weeks before the meeting of the Berlin conference, when it seemed that the quarrel was to drag into its vortex half the nations of the Old World. The patched-up peace of Berlin is, confessedly, a mere makeshift, certain to be swept away by the first violent pressure to which its provisions are exposed. The almost equal exhaustion of both vanquished and victors and the pressing necessity experienced by the nations most interested in Eastern affairs of attending to matters of domestic concern are the most powerful guarantees of continued peace. The smothered Socialist revolt in Germany; the revolutionary ideas which pervade the educated classes of Russia, and which appear to be filtering down among the people; the regime mania which has shown itself in Spain, Italy, Austria and Germany; and the terrible industrial distress, with all its potentialities for exciting political discontent, which impends over Great Britain, are gloomy characteristics of the old year and depressing portents for the new.

The contrast between the prospects of the American and European new year may be accepted as a fresh reason for thankfulness on our part; it cannot, however, be regarded as in any sense a matter for congratulation. Our political stability has, indeed, but little to do with the social unrest which finds more or less violent expression in Europe, and it is puerile to talk of any danger to our institutions from the emigration of large numbers of German or other agitators to this country. But our recovery from a long season of bad trade will be hindered, not hastened, by the fact that countries which are at once our best customers and our most formidable competitors are only beginning the process of liquidation which we have all but closed. Starving artisans and idle machinery in England and Germany mean a diminished purchasing capacity for the products of our fields, and an increased disposition and ability to undersell the products of our mills and factories. The interests of mankind, considered from the stand-point of a common brotherhood, are not more closely identified than the commercial and financial interests of civilized nations. The reflex action of distress in Europe will be very much less than it would have been several years ago, but we shall feel it all the same as a hindrance to returning confidence and prosperity. There are causes enough for rejoicing over the prospects of the future to render an attempt to conceal any unfavorable symptoms entirely superfluous.

THE Legislature of Colorado meets on the 1st of January; that of Indiana on the 2d of January; that of Missouri on the 8th of January; that of Illinois on the 8th of January; that of Kansas on the 14th of January, and that of Nevada on the 6th of January. In each of these States there is a Senator to elect, to take his seat on the 4th of March, 1879.

## EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS: All subject matter intended for this column should be addressed to J. H. Hansen, Editor, at the Chicago, Ill., or J. H. Hansen, Editor, at the Chicago, Ill., or J. H. Hansen, Editor, at the Chicago, Ill.

TEACHERS OF MACON COUNTY.

We were accosted by a middle-aged teacher, who very deliberately made an attack upon Teachers' Institutes, Teachers' Journals and new fangled text-books, as he was pleased to call every new book claiming improved methods, etc. We received the "cursing" with all the patience of a modern Job, proceeded not to show him some new works on English grammar, talked about the success of certain teachers in bringing out original ideas from their pupils; mentioned special work of certain classes, and finally offered him three different school journals from as many different states, asking him to take them home, read them, return them, and get a new supply next week. He very eagerly grasped them, put them in his pocket, and blantly asked the loan of Reed and Kilgus's Lessons in English Grammar.

We fully expect to see this teacher at our Annual Institute next Summer. Shall we be disappointed?

The above incident has brought to mind the question, "Have the Macon county teachers accomplished anything during the year?"

Yes, we most emphatically say; they have succeeded in putting the Teachers' Library on a firm footing, raising the number of volumes from thirty-eight to over fifty; have held one among the best Annual Institutes of Central Illinois; and the results of this Institute are alone enough to make any teacher proud of the year's work. A few chronic grumblers conclude that the schools of Macon county are retrograding, simply because they are falling short of the expectation of a progressive patronage.

We welcome the day when the patrons of each school district will be diligent in knowing whether their teacher is a live one or not; whether he keeps pace with the times or not; whether he studies his own immediate school or not, whether he spends a few cents per month for a newspaper, a text book, school journal; or whether he stands still, like Plymouth Rock, moldering to decay, while his fellows go "upward and onward," not stopping short of the "pinnacle itself."

CUT THIS OUT.

Examinations for both first and second grade certificates will be held regularly on the third Friday of each month, commencing February, 1879, with the exception of July, August, October and Dec.

Two examinations will be held in August—one at the close of the Annual Institute, and the other on the last Friday of the month.

Teachers will observe that there will be no examination in the months of January, July, October and December. No private examinations will be held, unless the applicant cannot possibly attend a regular one.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Post-office, at Decatur, Macon co., Illinois, Jan. 1, 1879.

Binkley Harry  
Book Chas  
Bowman Cornelia  
Carmen F J  
Chisholm J J  
Cox H S (2)  
Clarke Hatty  
Cantrell Jan  
Elin John  
Pink Susan Flora  
Gaven O H  
Gray W B  
Hartman John  
Hinson Wm C  
Kilbourne J P

Neigler Matthias  
Marney Byron G  
May D B F  
Mason Mrs H H  
Mortimer J J  
Mudox Matty M  
Murphy Thomas  
Medlow Thomas  
McDonald Mrs N  
Honey Miss Maggie  
Shuck Elizabeth  
Wray A H  
Walker Mrs Maggie  
Wench Robert

R. P. LAYNE, P. M.

AN OVERTURE.—A couple of countrymen were driving up North Main street yesterday afternoon in a pang of sleigh, in attempting to turn their horse to go east on Eldorado street upset their sleigh, which came over upon one of them with so much force as to give him quite a serious bruising. The animal ran north some distance until brought to a halt, by which time the pung was pretty seriously dilapidated.

THE DEAD OF 1878.

Victor Emanuel, King of Italy, aged 57, Rome, in January.

Samuel Bowles, Editor, Springfield, Mass., 51, in January.

Gideon Welles, Ex-Secretary of the Navy, Hartford, 75, in February.

C. M. Conrad, Ex-Secretary of war, New Orleans, 73, in February.

B. F. Wade, Ex-U. S. Senator, Jefferson, O., 77, in March.

C. L. Wilson, publisher of the Chicago Evening Journal, 59, in March.

Wm. M. Tweed, Ex-Chief Tammany ring, 55, in April.

Wm. Orton, President W. H. T. Co., New York, 52, in April.

Lord John Russell, Ex-Prime Minister of England, 84, in May.

Wm. C. Bryant, Poet and Editor, New York, 84, in June.

Gen. Fitz Henry Warren, Ex-Assistant P. M. General, 82, in June.

Dr. J. C. Ayer, Patent Medicine Man, Mass., 62, in July.

Geo. S. Appleton, Publisher, New York, 57, in July.

John H. Raymond, President Vassar College, 93, in August.

Gen. Henry Raymond, Veteran of 1812, New York, 88, in September.

Gen. O. J. Pillow, Ex-Confederate General Arkansas, 60, in October.

L. A. Godey, Publisher Godey's Ladies book, New York, 74, in November.

Geo. H. Lewis, Author, London, 60, in December.

Princess Alice, 3rd child of Queen Victoria, 35, in December.

Bayard Taylor, Author, Poet, Diplomat, 54, in December.

If you want mill feed, corn or oats, you can be supplied at SHELLBARKER'S Dec. 18—d&wt

## TELEGRAPHIC.

WASHINGTON CITY.

"Open House" at the National Capitol.

Sensation Among the Merchants at Cincinnati.

MINOR TELEGRAMS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The annual observance of the opening of the New Year will be attended with unusual gaiety at the Executive Mansion. The conventional reception will be held, the President being assisted by the Vice President and Mrs. Hayes, by Mr. Jewett, of Chicago, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Jr., of Cincinnati; Mrs. Austin, of Cleveland, and Mrs. Hastings, recently made a bride at the White House.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Evans will receive at their elegant mansion on McPherson Square, assisted by their daughters, Miss Mary and Miss Bettie. The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Sherman will be assisted by Miss Florence Hoyt of New York and Miss Kate Wilcox of Ohio, both nieces of the Secretary. The Secretary of War and Mrs. McCrary will be assisted by their oldest daughter, Carrie, who makes her debut into society, and their younger daughter, Kate, who has been enjoying an absence from school to pass the Christmas holidays with her parents. They will also be assisted by Miss Robertson and Miss James, of Keokuk, Iowa, and Miss Gillis, daughter of Capt. Gillis, of the navy. The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Thompson will be assisted by their daughters, Miss Mollie and Miss Virginia. The Misses McKee, of Terre Haute, Ind., daughters of President McKee, of the Vandalia railroad, Miss Matthews, Mrs. West, niece of the Secretary, and Miss West, of Washington. The Secretary of the Interior will be assisted by his two accomplished daughters, Miss Agatha and Miss Marion Schurz. These young ladies are among the highest lights of the Cabinet circle. They speak several languages and are perfect musicians, and receive enthusiastic attentions from diplomatic as well as official society. The Attorney-General, who is a bachelor, will be assisted by his niece, Miss Devens, and Mrs. Asst. Secy of State Payson. The Speaker and Mrs. Randall will receive at their residence on Capitol Hill. Owing to the death of the Princess Alice the English Legation will be in mourning for six weeks, and will not receive to-morrow. In addition to the sympathy felt for the Queen in her bereavement, the death of the Princess has occasioned a change in the arrangements at the Legation, it having been proposed by Sir Edward and Lady Thornton to give a series of magnificent entertainments this season at the palatial mansion erected by the British Government. The families of members of the Supreme Court, Senators, Representative and minor officials of the Government have very generally announced themselves as receiving.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 31.—There was a decided sensation on the floor of the Chamber of Commerce to-day. The session was about over, and merchants were grouped round the vast room talking on general subjects, when there entered on a visitor's ticket one Jno. W. Morgan, who hailed from Northeastern Kentucky. He made straight for a knot of merchants, among whom was Chas. McGuire, junior partner in the grain firm of Mullins & Co.

"Are you Charles McGuire?" he inquired.

McGuire turned around, recognized him, offered his hand and exclaimed, "Why, hello, John, is that you?" Brown made a motion as though about to draw a pistol, and replied: "Damn you, I'm going to kill you."

McGuire showed the white feather at once, and turned and beat a hasty retreat when Brown drew forth a concealed saw and followed, laying the lash across McGuire's neck and shoulders at every jump, half way across the chamber. Merchants caught Brown and hustled him out to a street, where the police took him to the station. On his way to the station Brown swore he would kill McGuire on sight as soon as he got out, because he was a "Kentuckian, ah." McGuire refuses to prosecute him, but the Chamber of Commerce promises to push the case to trial and vindicate its dignity. Brown will not explain his grievances, and McGuire pretends ignorance. The knowing ones, however, whisper that McGuire's relationship to Mrs. Brown, real or imaginary, incited the young Kentuckian to his revenge. It is well known that Mrs. Brown has been quite intimate in McGuire's family.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—The advocates of the Texas Pacific Railroad bill say that they have made a careful canvass of the House and Senate, and find a majority of seven in the House and six in the Senate in favor of the bill when it shall be put on its final passage. An effort will be made to take it up immediately after the holiday recess. Speaker Randall has given a promise, it is claimed, to help the measure in the House.

Secretary Schurz has not yet received a copy of General Sheridan's reply to his letters to General Sherman regarding the charges against the management of Indian affairs by the Interior Department. He does not expect a copy for some days.

## CLOAKS, Dolmans, Ulsters, Single Shawls Double Beaver Velvet Balmoral Skirts, Felt Skirts, Water Proofs, Ulster Cloth, Circular Ladies' Plain Beaver, Rough Raritan Matalasse Cassimeres, Jeans, PLaid Flannels, Red White Opera Table Linens, Irish Napkins, Towels, Quilts.

CLINTON, ILL., Dec. 31.—John Longstreet and Wm. Lowe, of Marion, Ill., seven miles south of Clinton, were recently beat out of \$200 by wire clothes-line agents. Mr. Longstreet paid his share, but Lowe refused to settle. They were caught by the same old trick. They put the number of feet they wanted down on the agreement, and the agent changed it into dollars, and what they suppose is an order for wire becomes a note of the strongest type.

Christmas is coming, and Ashby has a great variety of articles in his store suitable for Christmas gifts, such as fancy easy chairs, ottomans, brackets, and an endless variety too numerous to mention, any and all of which will be exchanged for cash or such second-hand articles as purchasers may wish to dispose of.

Dec. 5—d&wt

Gifts? scarf pins, shirt studs, sleeve buttons—all the latest novelties—at W. W. Scudder's, Merchant St. Dec. 23—dltw

Bibles and Testaments, in all styles of binding, from 5 cents to \$5.00, very suitable for holiday presents, at the Bible Depository at R. Lindner's, Dec. 19—dltw Court House Block.

Beautiful presents, such as cameo sets for ladies and misses, cameo cuff buttons and rings of all sizes, at W. W. Scudder's, Merchant street. (dec23-dltw

Query:—Why will men smoke common tobacco, when they can buy Marburg Bros. "Scal of North Carolina" at the same price? Jan11-78-dly

Great Bargains in Camel's Hair Cloaks at Linn & Scruggs. (dec23-dltw

The Patent Corset Comforts—Bretz's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moody's Abdominal Glove Fitting, Hundred Bones, together with the best and cheapest French Corsets in the city, at Jan. 23—d&wt Linn & Scruggs.

New Dress Goods? New Cloaks? Skirts and all other seasonable articles, just received, in full assortment, by Sept. 21—d&wt Linn & Scruggs.

Turkeys, Oysters, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, Grapes, Buckwheat Flour, Maple Syrup, and everything in the grocery line, at Dec. 19—dltw Yorks Block.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Or any Other Days.

ROGER'S Silver Plated Casters,

PICKLE JARS, single and double; KNIVES and FORKS, triple plate; CARD RECEIVERS; SILVER MOUNTED FRUIT BOWLS;

A new article of solid steel nickel and silver-plated SPOONS and FORKS—very durable; BRONZE and CHINA CARD RECEIVERS;

CHINA MUSTACHE CUPS; MOTTU CUPS and SAUCERS; A great variety of CHINA, METAL, and other FANCY GOODS;

TOYS!

In wood, metal, glass, china, and composition.

DOLLS!

All sizes—china and wax; A Job lot of large WAX DOLLS, at half price;

SLEDS AND WAGONS

CRADLES, BEDSTEDS, Girls' ROCKERS, BOYS' ROCKING HORSES;

WORK BASKETS, CARD BASKETS, and BASKETS for almost all uses;

SKATES!

Children's KNIVES and FORKS; Elegant House TABLE LAMPS, at half price;

And hundreds of other ornamental and useful articles that for want of space in the columns of this paper I cannot mention.

ONE WORD MORE—I am determined to reduce my Immense Stock of Goods, and will sell without regard to profit. You can have bargains by trying of

R. LIDDLE, Court House Block.

Dec. 16—d&wt

Notice of Final Settlement.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss. MASON COUNTY, ss. ESTATE OF LOT ELLIOTT.

To Elizabeth Elliott, Charles Elliott, Henry Elliott, Louisa Elliott, John Elliott, Emily Elliott, and William Robertson, Sarah E. Elliott, Mary J. Price, Charles Price, Mary J. Mitchell, John Mitchell, George Mitchell, and J. M. Gode, guardian, heirs and assigns of the said Lot Elliott, do hereby certify that the said Lot Elliott, in the city of Decatur, in the County of Mason, in the State of Illinois, was sold to and purchased by the said Lot Elliott, in the city of Decatur, in the County of Mason, in the State of Illinois, on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1878, for the sum of \$100.00, and that the said Lot Elliott, in the city of Decatur, in the County of Mason, in the State of Illinois, was sold to and purchased by the said Lot Elliott, in the city of Decatur, in the County of Mason, in the State of Illinois, on the 1st day of January, A. 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CITY DEPARTMENT.

We are pleased to announce JOHN A. BUCKLEY, a candidate for City Marshal at the ensuing municipal election.

JANUARY 1879.

Did the "pa" gather you in to-day?  
Don't deny more letters 1878.  
Go to the tabernacle to-night.  
Pay your rent.

A noon to begin the new year will be to attend our meeting this evening.  
Monsieur's daily, at J. M. Stookey & Co's. dec20-dif.

Circuit court reconvenes at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

MARTIN STERN says that being "chained" by half as bad as he thought it was before tried.

His FATHERS, every style, 25 cents, at "MARTIN" dec19-dif

His AN the million at Millam's, and "such" at any hour.

New Y calling parties are going their run this afternoon, entering "open Joe."

His FATHERS, the place to buy slippers is at Harber & Baker's. dec17-dawif

Circuit court will certainly continue one week after this, and possibly two weeks more added to that.

The increasing interest in the meetings at the F. M. E. Church may lead to their continuance for some time to come.

Yorvosos, are well fixed for the holiday tree call and see.

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There will be no meeting of the Philomathean society this week. Per order of the president.

Evilayov, look at Harber & Baker's slippers. dec17-dawif

His FATHERS is the place to buy a fine Paper Organ for a Christmas present. dec20-dif

A happy prayer meeting is now held at the church of the Y. M. C. A., 26 Merchant st., daily, from 11:30 to 12.

SURGEON'S patent process flour saves half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here.

Her 18-dif

A beautiful seal skin bonnet was donated to the temperance fair this morning by Linn & Scruggs, to be voted away.

REWARD the large stock of Organs that C. Present is selling so cheap.

Now 18-dif

Hotel vacation has but three days more to run, a fact which the juveniles of the city consider with but little satisfaction.

Go to the Tabernacle to-night.

THE year was watched out and the new year by the Bethel congregation. The series are spoken of as being very interesting.

BAIN & GRINDOR, of Moultrie county, have used a meat market in the store room in 4th block, lately occupied by P. T. Lock the music dealer. Business commenced yesterday.

F. W. KISHMEYER, the grocer, keeps at his stall at the corner of Eldorado and Monroe streets, a complete assortment of groceries and provisions, which he always sells at lowest figures.

PAUL CHATFIELD, the great African Explorer will lecture at the tabernacle on Monday Jan. 30th, first at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and then at night. After-noon admission, 5 cents; evening, 10 cents. The lecturer comes here under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the despised poor.

Go to the Tabernacle to-night.

A meep of unusual interest was held in the hymn of the First M. E. Church this morning at 9 o'clock, the attendance being considerably larger than at any previous morning meeting. There will be preaching in the lecture room this evening, 7 o'clock, and also meeting to-morrow morning and evening the same as to day.

FOUR POOR.—Jim Barney and Dick Oglesby contemplate giving a concert in the near future, for the benefit of the poor at orphan's—Jim and Dick being the organs. The concert will be a first-class affair in all respects, all the performers being professionals.

Go to the Tabernacle to-night.

AN AFFLICTED FAMILY.—We are sorry to record the death of Miss M. A. Clerk, sister of Mr. A. Clerk, the fur dealer.—Two other sisters lie in a critical condition with lung fever at the family residence.

A Splendid Bargain.—A full set of Dickens Works, 15 Vols., cloth, illustrated, for \$12.00, at Jan. 1-dawif J. M. Stookey & Co's

Keep record of this year, and for that purpose buy an Excelsior Diary, at J. M. Stookey & Co's.

Want—A girl, to do housework. Inquire at West Main street.

Jan 1-18-d

Y. M. C. A.—The next State Y. M. C. A. Convention will be held in this city Aug 28, to the 31st, 1879.

Go to the Tabernacle to-night.

A NOBLY OFFER.—A New Year outfit which attracted more attention on the streets this morning than anything else was a book, on which was a dry goods box containing a couple of boys—the whole being drawn by a jack that moved at a snail's pace. Both the animal and sled were labeled "A Happy New Year." The rig took all eyes as it moved down East Main street.

**THE TEMPERANCE FAIR.**

The attendance last night—Articles to be Voted Away, and Names of Gentlemen and Ladies in Charge.

The grand temperance fair and festival opened at the tabernacle last evening with about 300 people in attendance. The fair will continue until Thursday night, the tabernacle being open through the day for the sale of dinner, and lemonade and fancy articles generally.

A REPUBLICAN reporter in making the rounds last evening was first greeted by the gentlemanly trustees, Messrs. D. B. Shellabarger, M. P. Murphy, H. W. Hill, C. M. Imboden and P. Priest, in the most affable and courteous manner, pointing out the various articles on exhibition, descending upon their beauty of finish and durability of service, with the glances of salesmen of 20 years' experience. After parting with the trustees the first place our reporter struck was the cashier's counter, where may be seen J. H. Brayton, busy taking in the silver and issuing supper tickets to a hungry crowd.

On the stage was displayed a beautiful chamber set to be voted to the most popular gentleman in the city, at 50 cents a vote.

Secretary and rocker to be voted to the most popular fire company in the city, at 25 cents a vote.

Sliver water set to be voted to the most popular married lady in the city, at 25 cents a vote. The candidates are Mrs. D. L. Bunn, Mrs. L. W. Hurd, Mrs. Jas. Freeman and Mrs. M. P. Murphy.

A gold headed cane to be voted to the most popular lawyer in the city, at 10 cents a vote. Candidates—L. A. Buckingham, Ed. S. McDonald and I. D. Walker.

A beautiful set of mink furs, donated by Hays & Bartholomew, to be voted to the most popular young lady, at 10 cents a vote. Candidates—Misses Annie McDonald, Nellie Winebrenner, Lulu McKenzie, Carrie L. Ham, Alice Fuller, Mabel Carter, Minnie Stevens and Mary Schroll.

'Garland' stove, from Merchants & Wells, to be voted to the most popular married lady. Candidates—Mrs. C. J. Holt, Mrs. Annie Vest, Mrs. C. Goodman, Mrs. W. W. Mason and Mrs. J. H. Brayton.

Lady's saddle, from J. G. Starr & Son, to be voted away to the most popular young lady.

**THE TABLES.**

Mrs. M. P. Murphy, Mrs. J. B. Winebrenner, Mrs. W. H. Adkins, Mrs. W. W. Mason, Mrs. Henry Stafford, Mrs. John Ebert and a host of young lady assistants preside over the supper table in the southwest part of the hall.

Mrs. D. S. Priest, Mrs. John Sweet and Miss Callie Ham have charge of the fancy table, where innumerable articles of ladies' handwork may be had for a song.

Near the entrance Mr. G. W. Shater displays a fine array of scroll work, at prices varying from 20 cents up to \$5.

The lemonade and cake stand, near the stage, is in charge of Mrs. J. H. Brayton, and Mrs. Charles J. Holt.

Mrs. L. N. Coltrin, Mrs. Robert Baker, Mrs. Chas. Goodman and Misses Annie McDonald, Frankie McVey, Annie Schroll, Nellie Winebrenner and others have charge of the oyster tables.

The finest confections, oranges, peanuts, etc., may be had at the table from the hands of Misses M. L. Murphy and M. L. McKenzie.

Besides the above there are fish ponds, clock rooms, etc., in charge of youthful girls, who understand their business thoroughly.

Doubtless the house will be crowded to-night.

**BURGALARS IN DURESS VILE.**—J. G. Cackley's liquor store, at Clinton, was burglarized last night. When the ten o'clock freight train from the north arrived here to-day two suspicious looking characters named Thomas Nixon, aged 21, and Wm. Murray, aged 58, alighted.—They answered a description given to the conductor by Cackley of the suspected burglars, and officer Leake took the pair in custody, lodging Murray in the Midland engine house and Nixon in the county jail. A silver proof gauge, a bunch of railroad keys, a lot of Cackley's business cards, and a bundle of shears and files were taken from the men. The sheriff of DeWitt county has been notified of the arrest, and will doubtless come down this evening and take the prisoners to Clinton.

**MILITARY SOIRÉE.**—The Decatur Guards gave their fifth soiree at their Armory Hall last night, and it was one of the best yet given by that popular company. It was not as large a party as former ones, probably owing to other attractions always numerous on New Year's Eve. However, there were over 40 couples present. Among the invited guests from abroad were the following: Miss Gerlie Utter, Mt. Zion; Miss Maud Capps and Henry Beckmyer, Mt. Pulaski; Miss Flora Morris and T. Edwards, Amboy; W. H. Clear, Mt. Pulaski; Ed. Blair, Bloomington; Frank Boyd and James Painter, St. Louis; A. Foster, Livingston; Mrs. M. E. Khrman, Centralia; I. A. Broulog, New Castle, Indiana; and Oliver McKenzie, Mount Pulaski. As everybody expected, W. H. Jenkie, at "Martina's" restaurant, served an excellent supper to the entire party, and the Guard's New Year's Eve Soiree was voted an immense success in every particular.

**ORANGE.**

Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extract of Orange is obtained from the finest fruit. To flavor cakes, puddings and creams, it is found one of the most delicious flavors, and in all respects equal to Dr. Price's Lemon and Vanilla Extracts, which have become so popular.

**100,000 Bushels of Corn Wanted by Linn & Scruggs,** for which they will pay two cents a bushel more than the highest market price in merchandise, at lowest cash prices, the corn to be delivered at D. B. Shellabarger & Co's mill Jan. 1—d&wif

**JANES CHAPEL NEW YEAR'S TREE.**

A Group of Juveniles Made Happy.

Janes Chapel was a scene of joy and good cheer last evening, the occasion being the distribution of presents to the children of the Sunday School from a large tree that was loaded down with such nice nuts as please the little folks. The exercises of the evening were prefaced with appropriate religious services, and were interspersed with singing by the children of the school. When the time came for the distribution of presents from the tree, the sparkling eyes and eager look of the juveniles told plainly that this was the most important part of the programme to them, and as one after another went up in response to the call and received the gift awarded it was pleasant to note the smile that illuminated the face as the recipient returned to his or her seat.

At a seasonable hour the interesting exercises of the evening were brought to a close, and the children went home, to dream of the pleasant hour they had spent.

**PRESENTATION.**

Last evening a number of the friends of Sheriff Forstmyer repaired to his residence, for the purpose tendering to that officer a substantial testimonial of their regard, in the shape of an elegant gold chain. The presentation had been quietly arranged, and when the crowd "broke into the jail" our worthy Sheriff was taken altogether by surprise. Nor was his surprise lessened in any degree when J. R. Moser stepped forward, and, on behalf of the donors, presented the chain. Notwithstanding his surprise, however, Mr. Forstmyer responded in the happiest manner, referring to the way in which his friends had stood by him, and testifying to his good fortune in having so many and such true friends. He brought down the house, in concluding his remarks, by saying, "I do wish that my father could be here now." Mrs. Forstmyer here came to the rescue of her spouse, and with cake and other creature comforts, testified her feelings of gratitude toward those who had thus "chained" the most unruly and unmanageable of the jail's inmates. The visitors soon after took their departure, all well pleased with the festivities of the evening.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Mrs. Kate Black, nee Shellabarger, of Springfield, is in the city.

"Chet" Holiday, of St. Louis, came in to-day to make a New Year's call.

Prof. M. V. Malmburg and wife, of the "Drunkard's Home" notoriety, left for Peoria on the P., L. & D. road at noon to-day.

Geo. P. Blume, Philip Bury and John Roby, went hunting to-day in a sleigh, drawn by Blume's fleet-footed ponies.

Miss Annie Stamper, of this city, is in Springfield to-day, assisting Mrs. L. H. Coleman and others in keeping "open house."

Floor managers L. Austin Johnson, F. W. Wisner, P. H. Brueck, Harry Scanlan and Hiram Boyer, distinguished themselves at the Guards' soiree last night.

Mrs. A. H. Imboden and child, accompanied by her sister, Miss Fannie Lyon, and Frank Imboden, departed yesterday for Naples, where they will remain a week or ten days.

Hon. Wm. R. Hall, of Pekin, was in the city for a few hours yesterday, calling on his friend George A. Challis, and attending to political matters on the democratic side of the house.

Postmaster R. P. Lytle gladdened the hearts of the REPUBLICAN editorial, re- portorial and "printatorial" force this morning with a liberal supply of Andy Keppler's famous "Conchas" cigars. "Happy New Year," Captain, say we all, and may you "lif long and prosper."

Father Provost, one of the most cheerful and pleasant old gentlemen in Decatur, and one of the most stalwart Republicans in the United States, paid our office a New Year's call this morning, and wished us a hundred happy returns of the day. Same to him.

The following "personal" we clip from the LaCrosse (Wis.) Republican and Leader, of Dec. 28:

The Rev. H. H. Cole, of New York city, is in the city, and preached at Christ church last night. He speaks very highly of the Rev. Mr. DeForest, the new Rector of Christ church, placing him among the best scholars and soundest thinkers of his age occupying a pulpit in the West.

The above is a well-deserved compliment to Rev. DeForest, who is a son-in-law to W. H. Linn, of this city.

**DIED.**

At Mattoon, Dec. 30, 1878, of brain fever, GEORGE M., son of B. C. Hinkle, aged 6 years and 2 months.

Little George was one of the brightest children we have ever known—a lad of exceeding promise. His early death will bring a pang of sorrow to the hearts of many of our Decatur people who knew and loved his mother, known to them in her girlhood days as Jennie Elwood, whose death in February, 1877, is still fresh in their minds. The funeral services took place at Mattoon yesterday, and were largely attended. Rev. N. P. Heath officiating. The afflicted father will have the deepest sympathy of all who know his bright little son.

At the residence of the family, 41 West Prairie street, Miss M. A. Clerk, of lung fever.

In looking around for a suitable Christmas or New Year's gift, don't fail to see the novelties on exhibition at J. T. Hubbard's drug store, such as beautiful calico toilet sets, hair, tooth and nail brushes, full variety of fancy toilet soap, and a complete line of the finest perfumery in the market. [Dec. 28-dif

**Big Fat Oysters.**—One dozen, in any style, only 25 cents; half dozen, only 15 cents, at THE OVERMAN BAY. Dec 31—d&f

**A GOOD BEGINNING.**

THE REPUBLICAN issues in its first number in 1879 the following long list of renewals and new subscriptions, which have accumulated in a short space of time. This is a good beginning of the new year, and present indications are that 1879 will be even more prosperous than 1878 has been in the matter of swelling the list of subscribers:

Martin Link, Harriestown.  
G. W. Waggoner, Liberty, Kansas.  
George Gillen, Decatur.  
W. K. Inman, Harriestown.  
Geo. Comer, Decatur.  
Henry Hill, "  
Geo. S. Young, Friends Creek.  
M. Finley, Maroa.  
M. E. Dinwiddie, Maroa.  
John Montgomery, Wheatland.  
D. L. Shuttler, Hickory.  
W. B. Gruenden, Decatur.  
Ephraim Timmons, King City, Mo.  
Joe T. Timmons, "  
David Kyle, Decatur.  
Jas. N. Kline, Bloomington, Nebraska.  
S. A. Moffit, Sedgewick City, Kansas.  
L. A. Williams, North Topeka, Kansas.  
M. Troutman, Decatur.  
Dr. O. F. Parker, Decatur.  
Thomas Cooper, "  
H. C. Crosthwait, "  
B. D. Batchelder, Harriestown.  
Geo. P. Zeiss, Mt. Pulaski.  
G. S. Dustin, Peoria.  
D. D. Walker, Pleasant View.  
H. B. Walker, Mt. Auburn.  
Dr. P. B. Tuttle, Naugatuck, Conn.  
W. T. Barakman, Decatur.  
John T. Stewart, Whitmore.  
Jackson M. Lemmons, Harriestown.  
M. Bush, Decatur.  
A. W. Oliver, Wichita, Kansas.  
S. C. Davis, Long Creek.  
Walter Morthland, Decatur.  
Mrs. Lide Ozer, West Mill Creek, Penn.  
F. T. Saunders, St. Louis.  
J. M. Cunningham, Decatur.  
Horace S. Clark, Mattoon.  
A. B. Kuhns, Elizabethtown, Penn.  
W. Harbert, Macon.  
C. W. Frew, Wheatland.  
Henry Grantham, Mt. Zion.  
J. H. Beck, Maroon Grove, Texas.  
S. A. Smallwood, Hickory.  
Wm. J. Lowry, Maroa.  
H. Stephenson, DeLand, Ill.  
Ed. Craycroft, Wheatland.  
T. Quicker, Long Creek.  
W. T. Russell, Decatur.  
Thos. Lord, Wheatland.  
Wm. Traver, Decatur.  
W. H. Towne, Homer, Ill.  
Ontone Beechal, Macon.  
G. F. Hargis, Wichita, Kansas.  
John Brown, Mifflinsburg, Penn.  
S. H. Anderson, Charleston, Ill.  
O. F. Cole, Hannagan.  
O. L. Kendall, Millam.  
J. F. Shock, Orleans.

**A Happy and Prosperous New Year**

TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS! THROUOH A. GEHRMANN. Jan. 1, 1879—d&wif

**MARRIED.**

In this city, on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1878, by Rev. A. H. Chittenden, Mr. Wm. B. Moore, of Emporia, Lyon county, Kansas, and Miss LILLIE L. GREEN, of Decatur.

The marriage was solemnized at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Jas. E. Green, corner of Jasper and Jefferson streets, and at the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous supper was served. The bride was the recipient of sundry valuable and useful presents.

**Hosts of People are Martyrs**

To sick headache, that infallible symptom of a disordered stomach, liver and bowels. Many suffer from it as many as three or four times a week. They do so needlessly, for Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, by toning the digestive organs and regulating the bowels and liver, removes the cause, and dispels the painful symptoms. The intimate sympathy between the brain and the abdominal region causes the slightest disorder affecting the latter to be reflected, as it were, in the organ of thought. The reform instituted by the Bitters, when the digestive, secretive and excretive functions are in a state of chaos, has other and more beneficial results, viz.: the complete nutrition of the whole physical economy, the restoration of appetite and repose, and an increase in the power of the system to resist diseases of a malarial type.

Dec. 30—d&wif

THE W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting Thursday P. M., at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. A full attendance is desired. Committees soliciting in behalf of the needy will please report.

By order of President.

Mrs. SPARKS, Cor. Sec'y.

**CURTIS AND EWING, THE JEWELERS,**

Have completed their Elegant Improvements at their old stand, and now offer to the public the LARGEST and MOST EXTENSIVE STOCK in every department, in the State of Illinois, outside of Chicago.

We have spared no pains to make our stock complete, and trust, by honest dealing, and by maintaining our **PAST REPUTATION FOR LOW PRICES**, and no misrepresentation, to find Decatur will sustain a

**"REGULAR" JEWELRY STORE.**

Our stock consists of a nice line of

**DIAMONDS,**

**IN EAR RINGS SOLITAIRE RINGS SOLITAIRE STUDS & CLUSTER RINGS**

Very Large Stock of

Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches,  
" " Silver Watches,  
" " Gold Chains,  
" " Plated Chains,  
" " Gold Lockets,  
Ladies' Gold Necklaces,  
" Gold Thimbles,  
" Gold & Silver Glove Buttons  
" Fine Gold Sets,  
" " and Cameo Sets,  
Ladies' and Gents' Gold Rings— Plain, Chased, Band, and all other styles of Stone Rings.

**FINE LINE OF PLATED SETS**

Elegant line of Gold and Plated Cut Pins, Cut Buttons, Vest Pins, Shawl Pins, Room Pins, Lace Pins, Safety Pins, Ladies' and Children's Bar Rings, Gent's Gold and Plated Collar Buttons, Scarf Pins, Scarf Rings, Single Studs, Sets of Studs, and Cut Buttons. Our

**SILVERWARE**

Is complete this time, consisting of

Silver Tea Sets,  
" Water Sets,  
" Waiters,  
" Epergnes,  
" Fruit Dishes,  
" Berry Dishes with Glass,  
" Nut Bowls,  
" Confectionery Stands,  
" Jewel Caskets,  
" Toilet Sets,  
" Cake Baskets,  
" Butter Dishes,  
" Bowls for broken ice,  
" Card Stands,  
" Pickle Stands,  
" Jelly Stands,  
" Flower Vases,  
" Celery Stands,  
" Perfume Stands,  
" Watch Stands,  
" Mounted Thermometers,

As well as a most elegant array of Cutlery and Napkin Rings in endless variety.

In Silver Goods, with Morocco Saffroid Cases, which is unsurpassed in its quality.

Silver Pie Knives,  
" Portmonnies,  
" Sugar Shells,  
" " with Butter Knife,  
" Butter Knives, in pairs,  
" " single,  
" Child's Sets,  
" School Sets,  
" College Sets,  
" Ice Cream Spoons,  
" Sugar Tongs,  
" Nut Picks and Cracks,  
" Knives and Forks,  
" Salt Dishes, with spoons,  
" Soup Ladles,  
" Gravy Ladles,  
" Card Cases,  
" Desert and Tea Spoons,  
" Table and Tea Spoons,  
" Tea and Coffee Spoons,  
" Ice Cream Scoop,  
" " and spoons,  
" Cake Knife and Saw,  
" Match Boxes,  
" Cigar Clippers,  
" Napkin Rings, in pairs or singly.

Our stock of

**CLOCKS**

Is the largest ever shown in Decatur.

We have

French Clocks, 21 day, 1/2 hour strike,  
Bronze Clocks,  
30 day Clocks,  
15 day Clocks,  
6 day Clocks, in spring and weight,  
1 day Clocks,  
Large Clocks,  
Small Clocks,  
Fancy Clocks,  
Every kind of Seth Thomas Clock,  
And almost any kind of a Clock.

We have a great many Fancy Goods, and articles which cannot be permitted us to mention. We shall be pleased to have **EVERYBODY** come and see our stock and prices before they buy. We are sure we can show them a much larger assortment of any particular line of goods they want to see, than all other jewelry stores in Decatur combined, and will guarantee our prices to be as low as any.

We also make a specialty of Watch, Clock and Jewelry

**REPAIRING,**

**ALSO**

**ENGRAVING.**

Our Repair Department will still be under the personal care of our senior member, Mr. E. E. Curtis, who has had charge of the Watch Department over 10 years here at the same stand.

**ALL GOODS SOLD BY US WILL BE ENGRAVED FREE OF CHARGE.**

Call and see us.

**CURTIS & EWING.**

Dec. 4, d&wif m

**Great Reduction IN PRICES FOR ENTIRE WINTER SEASON, —TO BEGIN— T-O-D-A-Y, Dec. the 5th, 1878, —IN— DRESS GOODS, SHAWLS, CLOAKS, FURS, FLANNELS, BLANKETS, JEANS, TOWELINGS, LINENS, CASSIMERES, COTTON FLANNELS, CALICOES, BLEACHED COTTONS, BROWN COTTONS, GINGHAMS, GRAIN BAGS, CORSETS, UNDERWEAR,**

All at Lower Prices than you can buy Shoddy Goods that have been hawked around the country, because they could not sell them at home.

**LENN & SCRUGGS,**

Decatur, Dec. 4, 1878—d&wif

**DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER**

**SPECIAL FLAVORING EXTRACTS**

Eminent Chemists and Physicians certify that these goods are free from adulteration, richer, more effective, produce better results than any others, and that they use them in their own families.

**DR. PRICE'S**

UNIQUE PERFUMES are the Gems of all Odors. TOOTH PASTE. An agreeable, healthful, Liquid Dentifrice. LEMON SUGAR. A substitute for Lemons. EXTRACT JAMAICA GINGER. From the pure and

**STEELE & PRICE'S LUPULIN YEAST PILLS.**

The Best Dry Hop Tonic in the World.

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